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SUBJ: GRENADA REPORTEDLY PLANS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH NORTH KOREA

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1. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE GRENADIAN SOURCE, A NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION ARRIVED GRENADA ON MARCH 31 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. (BOTH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) AND DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (DPRK) RECOGNIZED GRENADA AT ITS INDEPENDENCE. HOWEVER, NEITHER COUNTRY, TO THE EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, HAS TAKEN ANY STEPS TO FORMALIZE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GRENADA.)

2. EMBASSY SOUGHT CONFIRMATION OR DENIAL OF THIS REPORT FROM GOG'S MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ON APRIL 2. ACCORDING TO A HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL IN MINEXTAFF, DELEGATION WHICH IS DUE TO LEAVE GRENADA TODAY IS INDEED NORTH KOREAN; HOWEVER, INFORMANT
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SAID THAT DPRK DELEGATION WAS IN GRENADA ON A "ROUTINE VISIT" AND

NOT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

3. COMMENT: IF GRENADA ESTABLISHES TIES WITH THE DPRK, IT WILL BE THE SECOND COMMUNIST NATION WITH WHICH GRENADA HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. EARLIER, IN OCTOBER 1947, THE GOC ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC AND EVEN AGREED TO THE PRC'S PREFERRED FORMULA RE TAIWAN IN SUBSEQUENT COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS. (SEE REFTEL) PM ERIC M. GAIRY WAS APPARENTLY MOTIVATED TO MAKE OVERTURES TO THE PRC BY EMPTY GOG TREASURY; PRESUMABLY THE SAME SITUATION MOTIVATES ESTABLISHING TIES WITH THE DPRK. HOWEVER, THIS EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY REPORTS OF ANY AID ACCRUING TO GRENADA BECAUSE OF ITS RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. NEITHER GRENADA NOR PRC HAS THUS FAR ESTABLISHED RESIDENT MISSION, AND WE ASSUME, IF RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED WITH NORTH KOREANS, THEY TOO WOULD BE CONTENT WITH FORMAL RELATIONS ALONE. END COMMENT.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO ANY ACTION IN THIS REGARD ON THE PART OF GOG, EITHER PRIOR TO, OR SUBSEQUENT TO ANY ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS.
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